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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2005, in which the Examiner rejected claims 1, 12 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and rejected claims 1 and 8-11 as being unpatentable over the prior art.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: